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Your Flag and My Flag

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YOUR Flag and my Flag! And oh, how much it holds—
Your land and my land—where white is folded
Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight;
Sun-kissed and wind-torn, red and blue and white.
The one flag—the great flag—the flag for me and you—
Gleams all its beauty—the red and white and blue.

YOUR Flag and my Flag! And how it fits today
In your land and my land and half a world away!
Rivers and blood-red stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and red-white—the good forever gleam
dreams.

Sty-blue and true blue, with stars to gleam bright—
The glorious golden of the day; a shiner through the night.

Your Flag and my Flag! To every ear and stripe
The drums beat as hearts beat and flares drift pipe;
Your Flag and my Flag—a blessing in the sky;
Your hope and my hope—it never hid a lie!
Home land and far land and half the world around,
Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the sound!



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"No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty, none less inclined to take or touch ought which they have not honestly earned."—Abraham Lincoln.

Candidate For Congress.

Bucyrus, O., May 22.—Miles McLaughlin of Nevada, Republican, is the first candidate to file his papers for nomination as congressman in this district.

Met Death by Drowning.

Columbus, May 22.—Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schott of Westerville, this county, that their son, Lloyd Schott, 22, had met death by drowning at Charlotte, N. C. He was a member of the Fifteenth company, Third regiment, motor mechanics.

Court Sentences Councilmen.

Youngstown, O., May 22.—Councilman William F. Davis and William F. Mehe, recently found guilty of accepting bribes in connection with a franchise sought by the Workmen's Transit company, were sentenced to from one to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

Will Buy Liberty Bonds.

Cleveland, May 22.—The La Belle, believed to be the finest yacht on the Great Lakes, has been sold by Commodore Alexander Winton of this city to Clarence H. Wilton of Detroit. It was announced here. "I'm going to buy liberty bonds with the money," said Winton, making a personal delivery to the new owner.

Proposes Church Merger.

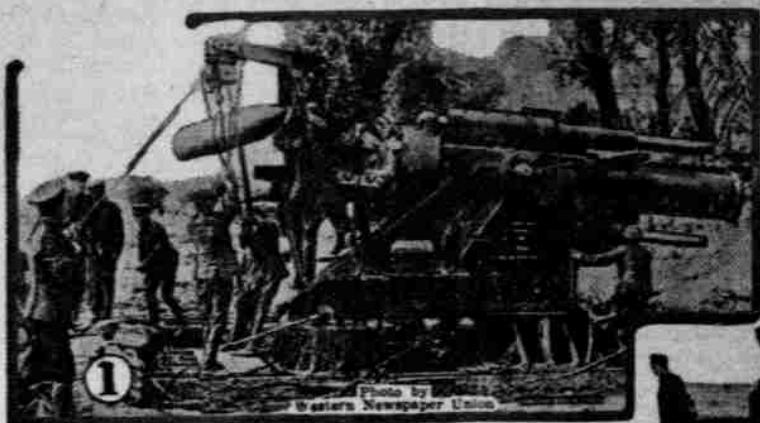
Columbus, May 22.—Probably the most advanced steps yet taken by one of the largest church bodies in the United States, looking to the federation of Evangelical Protestant churches, were taken by the Presbyterian general assembly here. Recommendations were adopted suggesting an interchurch meeting prior to Jan. 1, 1919.

Gas Fumes Suffocate Miners.

Charleston, W. Va.—The bodies of four men were taken from the burning mine of the Millcreek Cannell Mining Company at Villa, 10 miles above Charleston. The other 10 men entrapped in the mine had not been found by the rescue party, though the search was being continued far back in the mine. The rescue party entered the mine by an old opening which is back of the fire. The bodies of the men were found near the fire. They died evidently from the gas fumes, as their bodies were not mutilated.

Job Offered to Farrell.

Washington.—James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, is the latest captain of industry to be asked to help the Government win the war. He has been tendered the position of Director of Operations of the Shipping Board. Mr. Farrell has not yet replied whether he would accept the position. Edwin F. Carry, the present Director of Operations, recently was made chairman of the board's Port Improvement Committee.



1. One of the American heavy howitzers in France being loaded for action. 2. Riveters in the federal shipyards at Kearney, N. J., trying to beat the English record of 3,095 rivets in a nine-hour day. 3. Canadian engineers making an emergency telephone post out of a wrecked tree.

NEWS REVIEW OF
THE PAST WEEK

America's Great Record in the Raising and Sending of Troops Is Revealed.

CROWDER HITS AT LOAFERS

Every Registered Man Must Fight or Engage in Useful Occupation—Al- lies Strike at Reorganizing German Armies—British Arrest Plotting Sinn Feiners.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Ninety thousand American troops landed in France in the first ten days of May; a million men to be on the other side in a year from the time the first were sent across the Atlantic; a grand total of 2,038,222 in active service or in training, to be increased to 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 before the end of the next fiscal year. Such is the proud record of the war department and its plans for the near future as stated in the House of representatives by Mr. Caldwell of the military affairs committee. The committee unanimously approved the \$11,000,000,000 army appropriation bill and it was reported to the house.

Mr. Caldwell added: "The potential man power of America, for a seven year war, may be conservatively estimated at 20,000,000 fighting men of recognized military age—this out of a population of 125,000,000."

Continually harassed by the artillery record with that of Great Britain, he said: "We began with less, went further, and arrived with more in shorter time."

The army bill was so amended that President Wilson is given unlimited power to call drafted men to the colors.

As a step toward realizing the government's expectations in the matter of man power, Provost Marshal General Crowder on Thursday issued a drastic amendment to the selective service regulations, which will compel every man of draft age to either fight or work after July 1. Idlers and all engaged in non-useful occupations will be called in by draft boards and given their choice of joining the colors or finding some useful occupation. Among those affected by the order are gamblers and race track attendants, baseball players and other professional sportsmen, waiters and bartenders, theater ushers, passenger elevator operators and other attendants of clubs and hotels, domestics and clerks in stores.

In applying the rule deferred classification on account of dependents will be utterly disregarded, and local boards may take action whether they have original jurisdiction of the registrant or not.

It is believed in Washington that the "fight or work" plan will go a long way in solving the problem of getting sufficient labor for the farms, the shipyards and the munitions plants. Until the results of its operation are seen there will be no more talk of the conscription of labor.

Attorney General Gregory followed up General Crowder's order with the statement that all who leave the country to escape the draft will be prosecuted on their return.

That there will be enough ships to meet the requirements of the situation seems assured, for the shipyards are turning them out in steadily increasing numbers. At Rutgers college last week Secretary Daniels said that before another summer we shall have enough ships to carry millions of troops to France, and enough destroyers to see them there in safety. "The emperor of Germany" he added, "knows that when the United States builds enough ships his end has come, and we are going to build enough ships."

President Wilson has consented to restore to the original number the fleet of steamers employed to carry food to the ten million starving inhabitants of German-occupied Belgium

and France, but on the other hand he has caused Holland to be notified that if it wants the remainder of the grain promised it by America it must send Dutch ships for it at once. The Netherlands government had prohibited the departure of Dutch vessels from its ports, where more than 400,000 tons of shipping are lying idle. The grain rations promised to Norway are going forward, in Norwegian bottoms.

The food situation in France has improved so much that the end of the regime of restrictions is in sight, and the three meatless days a week, only recently instituted, have given such excellent results that the measure will be of short duration. Many of the older French soldiers will be released for farm work as the American troops arrive in greater numbers.

In sharp contrast with this is the condition existing in Germany and Austria, where the people are reliably reported to be on the verge of starvation and of consequent rebellion. Washington is informed that even with the reduced ration planned for June 15 Germany will not have enough food to last through to the next harvest. The Berliner Tageblatt says horse meat and dog meat are being used by the poorer classes in Saxony, and the price has gone up.

The war prisoners of Germany of course are the greatest sufferers. The first contingent of Russian prisoners, 1,000,000, were sent to Germany under the recent agreement, but just reached Petrograd and they are described as "wretched walking dead men."

As was predicted in this review weeks ago, the food supply to be obtained from the Ukraine, of which the German government boasted so much in advance, has proved so small as to be almost inconsequential. And the Kaiser's treacherous treatment of that country greatly aggravates the situation there, for the people do not propose to raise crops only to be robbed of them.

Continually harassed by the artillery and air forces of the allies, the German commanders were still laboring heavily last week to complete the reorganization of their armies on the west front for the resumption of the drive. So great was the task and so effective the interruptions that competent observers believed the offensive could not be begun again before the middle of June. Meanwhile General Foch and his associates, instead of waiting quietly to be attacked, took every opportunity to improve their situations, with the result that their lines grew stronger daily. First the British and then the French, always aided materially by the Americans, struck hard in local operations so extensive that in previous wars they would be classed as battles. The Anzacs started off the week by recapturing Villers-sur-Ancres, inflicting heavy losses on the Huns. Next the Poles made one of their whirlwind attacks on a 4,000-yard front in the Loere region, near Kemmel, taking a considerable number of prisoners and holding the objectives gained, which strengthened their defensive positions around Scherpenberg, Mont Rouge and Mont Noir. On succeeding days the Germans were pushed back in other sectors, the allies always gaining ground of tactical importance. The Huns seemed to have lost much of their fighting spirit and their counterattacks had little dash and no success.

The artillery firing on both sides increased during the week all along the line. The Germans were especially free with the use of gas shells, but in the American sector northwest of Toul, at least, they got more than they gave, for the Yankee batteries fairly deluged the German positions and cantonnements in the Gerecht wood with gas, inflicting severe punishment on the enemy.

The Americans carried out a number of spirited patrol actions and raids in their sector but had no extensive engagements.

Fighting and bombing operations of the aviators were extraordinarily numerous and exciting last week. Many machines on both sides were brought down, but the Huns were by far the greater sufferers. Among the noted air men lost was Major Raoul Lufbery, the American, who jumped from his blazing machine and was killed. Other American aviators were very active and many of them gained new laurels.

The allied air men carried out numerous bombing raids over German towns, besides dropping many tons of explosives on the enemy's military establishments.

The Germans made a great air raid on London, killing 44 persons and losing five of their planes, and attempted two raids on Paris with little success. More satisfactory to the Hun mind were the results of some air raids on British hospitals behind the lines, for several hundred sick and wounded soldiers were killed and injured, and among the victims were several women nurses who would not desert their wards. The commander of the squadron of Gothas that made this characteristically brutal attack was brought down and captured and declared he did not see the Red Cross signs on the hospitals, though they were plainly visible.

Austria's renewed drive against Italy did not develop last week, but reports from Vienna said Austria had ceased all military operations in the east on May 20 in order to concentrate her forces on the Italian front, so it is likely the offensive will be started there very soon. The allies have little fear of the result.

The Germans captured the city of Abo in Finland and also occupied Estonia, an island in the Gulf of Finland 80 miles from Petrograd. In Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, there was heavy fighting between the forces of Skoropadsky, the new Ukrainian dictator, and troops that remained faithful to the Reds. In Baku, on the Caspian, which was previously reported captured by the Russians, the bolsheviks and Mussulmans fought long and bitterly. More than 2,000 were killed and much of the city was burned. The food situation in Russia was reported to be growing steadily worse except in Moscow. Petrograd is now entirely without bread.

Copenhagen dispatches say that General Mannerheim, commander in chief of the Finnish white guard, has resigned because he was ordered to invade the Russian province of Karelia.

Declaring that it had discovered an extensive and dangerous pro-German plot in Ireland, the British government descended upon the Sinn Fein suddenly and arrested several hundred members of that party, including its president, Professor de Valera, and practically all the other leaders. The coup raised a storm in Ireland and even the nationalists, though disclaiming any sympathy with the revolutionary aims



Run up Old Glory!

Let it blaze

In red and white against the sky
And tell the story of the days
When hearts were stout and hopes were high
Forget the daily fights of greed,
Forget the struggles, the dismay
Of facing cruelty and need—
Run up Old Glory for the day.

Run up Old Glory!

Think of all

The old flag means to you and me,
Of how the blast of freedom's call
Shook out its folds from sea to sea,
Red with the blood that it has cost,
White with the souls of them that died—
To-day by laughing breezes tossed
It whispers of a nation's pride.

Run up Old Glory!

Fling it forth

And feel anew the country-call
That thrills East, West and South and North
And has its word for one and all
Run up Old Glory—fling it far
Across the blue of heaven's dome,
And feel that every stripe and star
Is warder of your hearth and home.



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of the Sinn Feiners, declared the government's action was not sincere and was taken to cloud the home rule and conscription situation. The Irish objectors to the draft seem to rely greatly on public opinion in the United States, and over here there is a tendency to suspend judgment concerning the Sinn Fein arrests until the British government adduces its proof of a plot. It is said the existence of the plot was known for weeks by American secret agents and that such notorious Irishmen in America as Jeremiah O'Leary—now missing—were concerned in it. It is certain that no pro-German plotters in any of the allied countries will get any sympathy from the American government or the American people.

Director General McAdoo started the country last week by summarily removing from their positions all presidents of railroads, in order to obtain more complete co-operation in the running of the lines, and, incidentally, to save about \$20,000,000 a year in salaries. Many other high rail officials also have lost their jobs because they were doing little to earn their pay. It is Mr. McAdoo's intention to appoint

a federal director of the roads in each region, and some of the best of the deposed presidents will get these places.

The government also has taken over the carrier business of the Pullman company, making it a part of the railway system. The company will be paid rental for its carrier industry based on the three-year average earnings prior to June 30, 1917.

Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, well-known socialist, was found guilty of violating the espionage act by a federal court jury in Kansas City. She had attacked the government as an ally of the profiteers.

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